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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - Snow or Ice on Vehicle**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from driving or permitting to be driven on
4 any publicly maintained highway a vehicle with an unreasonable amount of
5 snow or ice on the vehicle; defining a term; specifying a penalty; making a
6 certain presumption regarding responsibility for certain violations applicable to
7 a violation of this Act; and generally relating to snow or ice on vehicles being
8 driven on a highway.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 24-106.3
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 24-106.3
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 24-106.3.

23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "UNREASONABLE AMOUNT OF SNOW OR ICE" MEANS AN
24 AMOUNT OF SNOW OR ICE ON ANY PART OF A VEHICLE THAT, SHOULD THE SNOW OR
25 ICE BECOME LOOSE OR DETACHED FROM THE VEHICLE WHILE THE VEHICLE IS
26 BEING DRIVEN ON A HIGHWAY, IS LIKELY TO ENDANGER OTHER USERS OF THE
27 HIGHWAY.

1 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE OR ALLOW TO BE DRIVEN ON ANY PUBLICLY
2 MAINTAINED HIGHWAY A VEHICLE WITH AN UNREASONABLE AMOUNT OF SNOW OR
3 ICE ON THE VEHICLE. .

4 [24-106.3.] 24-106.4.

5 The owner of the vehicle, if present in the vehicle, or, in his absence, the driver
6 of the vehicle is presumed to be responsible for any violation of §§ 24-106 through
7 [24-106.2] 24-106.3 of this title, if:

8 (1) The violation is caused by an occupant of the vehicle;

9 (2) The vehicle has two or more occupants; and

10 (3) It cannot be determined which occupant is the violator.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2004.